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Serial No.: 09/609,027 Examiner: S. Zhou
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For : CONJUGATED LIGANDS FOR THE STIMULATION OF BLOOD
CELL PROLIFERATION BY EFFECTING DIMERIZATION OF
THE RECEPTOR FOR STEM CELL FACTOR

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 14, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to a Final Office Action issued March 14, 2003 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the March 14, 2003 Final Office Action is due June 14, 2003. Accordingly, and this response is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 49 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of this claim in a future continuation or other application.